

## ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”  
– 1 Corinthians 12:7

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September 26, 2021                      Morning Worship                      10:40 a.m.

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**“Because Your steadfast love is better than life my lips will praise You!”**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude                      O Praise Ye the Lord                      Jordan  
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Call to Worship

\* Hymn                      O PraiseYe the Lord                      LAUDATE DOMINUM

**O praise ye the Lord and sing a new song,  
Amid all His saints His praises prolong;  
The praise of their Maker His people shall sing,  
And children of Zion rejoice in their King.**

**With timbrel and harp and joyful acclaim,  
With gladness and mirth, sing praise to His name;  
For God in His people His pleasure doth seek,  
With robes of salvation He clotheth the meek.**

**In glory exult, ye saints of the Lord;  
With songs in the night high praises accord;  
Go forth in His service, be strong in His might  
To conquer all evil and stand for the right.**

**For this is His word: His saints shall not fail,  
But over the earth their pow’r shall prevail;  
All kingdoms and nations shall yield to their sway.  
To God give the glory and praise Him for aye.**

\* Affirmation of Faith                      The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* Prayer of Adoration

**“MakeYour face shine on Your servant;  
save me in Your steadfast love.”**

Old Testament Lesson                      Isaiah 55:1–7  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

General Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, our Heavenly Father, as You have promised abundant pardon of our many sins, we now seek Your mercies that are new every morning. We are sorry for the many different ways and occasions when we have broken Your law and grieved Your Spirit. Help us to mortify the deeds of the flesh. Help us to walk worthy of our calling. Compel us to feed upon the Bread of Life that we may eat what is good and delight in His great salvation, even Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Prayer of Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness                      Pastor Heath Cross

\* Hymn                      Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!                      ADA

**Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;  
Redeemed through His infinite mercy, His child, and forever, I am.**

**Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;  
Redeemed through His infinite mercy, His child, and forever, I am.**

**Redeemed and so happy in Jesus, no language my rapture can tell;  
I know that the light of His presence with me doth continually dwell.**

**I think of my blessed Redeemer, I think of Him all the day long;  
I sing, for I cannot be silent; His love is the theme of my song.**

**“If riches increase, set not your heart on them.”**

God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Anthem                      Write Your Blessed Name                      Scott  
Stephens Valley Church Choir

Write Your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved that no prosperity, that no adversity shall ever, ever move me from Your love. Be to me a strong tower of defence, a comforter in tribulation, a deliv’rer in distress, and a faithful Guide to the courts of heav’n through the many temptations and dangers of this life, of this life. O Jesu, my only Savior! Write Your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved that no prosperity, that no adversity shall ever, ever move me from Your love, ever move me from Your love.

\* Presentation of Gifts                      LAUDA ANIMA

**Vow and pay unto Jehovah, Him your God forever own;  
All men, bring your gifts before Him, worship Him, and Him alone;  
Mighty kings obey and fear Him, princes bow before His throne.**

\* Prayer of Dedication

**“The eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him,  
on those who hope in His steadfast love.”**

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson                      Romans 8:9–11  
All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.  
**The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.**

Sermon                      The Way We Are                      Pastor Jim Bachmann

Prayer of Supplication

**“Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper  
of the Lamb.”**

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper  
Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread                      Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether                      Callahan  
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Sharing the Cup

\* Hymn                      Love Divine, All Loves Excelling                      BEECHER

**Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav’n, to earth come down:  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev’ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into ev’ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:  
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav’n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

\* Benediction

\* Postlude                      Love Divine                      Williams  
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

\* Congregation standing

– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

**Welcome:** Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We welcome everyone to our time of worship. If you are visiting today and would like to meet one of our pastors, drop by the Solid Rock Café as you exit the fellowship hall.

**Cell Phones:** Please silence all your electronic devices.

**Debt Reduction:** We continue our effort to liquidate the smaller of our two loans before converting the larger one to a long-term mortgage. If you are able to make a donation, please be sure to designate it for debt reduction.

**Sunday Morning Fellowship:** The Solid Rock Café is now being used for fellowship on a trial basis. Coffee and light refreshments will be available from 9:00–10:35 a.m. **Please keep all food and drink in the Solid Rock Café.**

**Starting Point:** Pastor Jim’s Starting Point class for visitors continues through October 17 in the office suite conference area, 9:30–10:15 a.m. All visitors are invited. Greeters will be happy to direct you upon your arrival.

**Prayer Needs:** An elder will be available each Sunday in the Rutherford Room (north entrance) following the worship service for specific prayer needs you may have.

**Wednesday Night Dinner and Bible Study:** Join us at 5:15 p.m. this Wednesday as Pastor Heath Cross continues his series on “How to (Actually) Love Your Neighbor.” Make your dinner reservation at [stephensvalleychurch.com](http://stephensvalleychurch.com) by tonight. The menu is poppy seed chicken, squash and cheese casserole, baked apples, fresh broccoli salad, yeast rolls, and Boston cream cake.

**Volunteer with SVCWomen:** SVCWomen is looking for volunteers to aid in the ministry to women of SVC. If you are not at present a member of a SVCW ministry, please look for the table in the church lobby today for additional information and the opportunity to discuss the purposes and projects of each ministry. There is a place for each woman at Stephens Valley Church, no matter your physical abilities, your time, or the lack thereof. Please help us and join one of these ministries today.

**SVC Women’s Fall Bible Study:** Join us on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. as we study the book of Proverbs. Childcare is available with reservation. Register for childcare/study at [stephensvalleychurch.com](http://stephensvalleychurch.com).

**Chrismon Ornaments:** All women are invited to bring a sack lunch and join us on Tuesday, September 28, in the Solid Rock Café immediately after Women’s Bible Study for an organizational meeting as we prepare to make Chrismon ornaments to decorate a church Christmas tree. All materials will be furnished, and no previous experience is needed.

**Early Morning Bible Study:** Mike Bishop is leading a six-week men’s Bible study on the book of Ephesians on Thursdays from 6:30–7:30 a.m. in the Solid Rock Café.

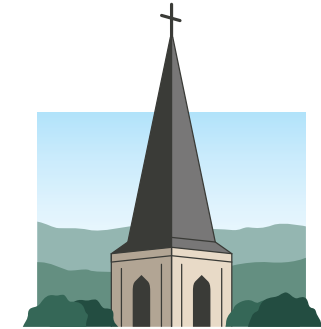
**SVC Men’s Bible Study:** Craig Valentine is facilitating a 12-week Bible study on the book of Philippians on Fridays from 9:00–10:00 a.m. in the church lobby.

**Our Daily Bread:** Devotional booklets for October through December are available in the lobby. They are free and in large print.

**SVC Parent’s Day Out:** PDO has had a great start so far! Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our program! Now that we have started, we need some additional items that were not thought of previously. If you would like to help, please see Anita Murphy for more information.

– THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR –

- Today, 9:00 a.m. Officers’ Prayer Time
- Today, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- Today, 10:15 a.m. Fellowship (Solid Rock Café)
- Today, 10:40 a.m. Worship Service
- Monday, 9:00 a.m. Sabbatical Search Career Group
- Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. SVC Women’s Bible Study
- Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. Chrismon Ornaments Organizational Meeting (Café)
- Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. Sweet Half Hour of Prayer (St. Paul Chapel, first floor)
- Wednesday, 5:15 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner
- Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study
- Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, 6:30 a.m. Early Morning Men’s Bible Study (Café)
- Friday, 9:00 a.m. SVC Men’s Bible Study (Lobby)



# Stephens Valley Church

Biblical, Reformed, Independent

## Financial Update

Average Weekly Offering Needed	\$40,305
September 19 General Fund Offering	\$37,736
Total September General Fund	\$101,876
FY 21–22 General Fund Deficit	\$72,709
Retire Debt Deposited/Promised	\$235,546
Construction Loan to Refinance	\$8,650,000
Additional Construction Loan	\$355,626

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL LINEUP

### Starting Point

Pastor Jim Bachmann | Office Suite Conference Room

### Friends and Family Class

Bill Kenny | Room 201A  
Studying Genesis 25–50

### Westminster Class

Danny Hale | Room 201B  
Studying “Job: Where Shall Wisdom Be Found?”

### Geneva Class

Dr. David Lawrence | Rutherford Room  
Studying the Atonement

## The Way We Are

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